

Draft Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California
March 5, 2012

Attendees: Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Hall, City of Santa Rosa
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
Mark Landman, City of Cotati
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Mike Healy, City of Petaluma
Remleh Scherzinger, City of Petaluma
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor
Steve Allen, Town of Windsor
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District
Grant Davis, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Ann DuBay, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA

Public Attendees: Richard Dowd, City of Santa Rosa BPU
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
David Keller, FOER
Dietrich Stroeh
Dawna Gallagher
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Colleen Fernald
Deborah Tavares
Doug Millar
Marge Sorbi
Orlean Koehle
Jennifer Delany
Casey (no last name)

1. Check-in

Chair Susan Gorin called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

2. Public Comment

Deborah Tavares spoke against fluoridation of the water supply.
Colleen Fernald is concerned about water supply quality issues.
Doug Millq4 (sp) spoke against fluoride in the water.
Brenda Adelman does not agree that the inflow into Pillsbury is the determining factor for the critically dry year that has been declared.
Jennifer Delany spoke against fluoride in our water.
Casey (no last name given) spoke against fluoride.
Orlean Koehle spoke against fluoride.

3. Recap from the February 6, 2012 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Unanimous agreement to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 WAC/TAC meeting as published.

4. Consider SCWA FY 2012/13 Water Transmission System Budget

Spencer Bader referred to the handout available at this meeting and offered to answer any questions on the budget included with distribution of the WAC/TAC agenda. Chair Gorin requested input from the WAC representatives. Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, has been authorized to approve the budget. City of Petaluma agrees with the budget. City of Sonoma has reviewed and agrees. Town of Windsor agrees. Marin Municipal appreciates the collaborative efforts. Valley of the Moon agrees. North Marin is prepared to move ahead with the budget. City of Cotati supports the budget. Santa Rosa supports the budget. Jake Mackenzie reported on his trip to Washington, DC. Supervisor Efren Carrillo and Supervisor Shirley Zane are currently in Washington. Grant Davis, SCWA General Manager, reported that we are united in securing Federal support for Biological Opinion funding which has resulted in the Army Corps of Engineers keeping us on track to meet the goal for the first mile of the Dry Creek Restoration by 2014. However, there are no longer any earmarks in Congress and we target the administration in order to get budgeting for projects. SCWA competes with other districts for USACOE O&M budget money. A full report will be made in April when Supervisors Carrillo and Zane return from Washington, DC. Moved by Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, to recommend the proposed SCWA budget be adopted by the SCWA Board of Directors, seconded by Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma; unanimously approved.

5. Water Supply Conditions

Pam Jeane stated conditions have changed and March will tell how the water supply fares. Critical water supply conditions are now in place and are based on the inflow to Lake Pillsbury. We were 800 acre feet short of a dry year. Monitoring is continuing. April 1, May 1 and June 1 will be the dates to change the status. Storage amount is very good, with Lake Sonoma at 80% full. It has carryover for a dry year through 2013. Lake Mendocino has no carryover storage from year to year because it is too small. As of March 1 Lake Mendocino can add to storage into the flood control pool. Water conservation is still important for later water use by people and fish. North Marin typically draws from Stafford Lake in summer months and since that supply is low they will rely on SCWA providing more water to them. Pam advised that the EIR being prepared now is aimed at making changes to 1610 by looking at the hydrologic index, proposing a new operating rule instead of using Lake Pillsbury as the determining factor. The State Water Resources Control Board makes the final decision as to what determining factor will be used. David Keller asked if Frost protection comes from Lake Mendocino and how much will the SCWA release to keep that protection? An independent science panel review is being set up to help keep information accurate and answer inquiries from users.

6. Items for April 5 TAC agenda

Water Supply and Transmission System Operations status
Biological Opinion Status Report
Sonoma Valley and Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Plans

May 7 WAC/TAC

Water Conditions
Biological Opinion Status Report

7. Check Out

Next TAC meeting is April 2.
Next WAC/TAC meeting is May 7.

Chair Susan Gorin adjourned the meeting at 11:03a.m.